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In re Application of  
Operowsky et al.  
Application No. 09/676,598  
Filed: September 29, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. BOC9-2000-0005US1

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment, filed March 5, 2003, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner in reply to the final Office action mailed November 7, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on February 8, 2002.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2632 for processing the Request for Continued Examination filed with the instant petition.

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